

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE EL CAMINO REAL HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC DECATHLON TEAM

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. WAXMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate the El Camino Real High School Academic Decathlon team on its extraordinary record-setting sixth victory as the United States Academic Decathlon champions.

I am extremely proud to represent this remarkable team of nine students of Woodland Hills, California. The students committed months of hard work together in preparation for this competition. The nationwide competition is very challenging and includes written and oral tests in seven subjects. The team set a record with its sixth United States Academic Championship and defeated 34 teams from around the country. They received an astounding 49,951.7 points out of a possible 60,000 and won and impressive 21 individual awards.

The nine winning team members are Vivian Cheng, Daniel de Haas, Evan Edmisten, Andrew Fann, Audrey Goldbaum, Jessica Lin, Daniel Moreh, Adriana Ureche and Michael Walker. The coaches are John Dalsass and Stephanie Franklin.

The students personify academic excellence and the power of teamwork. Their dedicated coaches, school, staff, families and entire community are tremendously proud of their achievement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing these remarkable students.

JORDYN BORREGO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Jordyn Borrego who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Jordyn Borrego is an 8th grader at Arvada Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Jordyn Borrego is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Jordyn Borrego for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I would like to make a correction of my vote on passage of H.R. 2499. On April 29, for rollcall vote 242, the Puerto Rico Democracy Act of 2009, I was unintentionally recorded as voting "yea." I oppose the legislation and it was my intention to vote "nay."

KATERYNA KONDRATYSHYNA

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kateryna Kondratyshyna who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Kateryna Kondratyshyna is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kateryna Kondratyshyna is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Kateryna Kondratyshyna for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character to all her future accomplishments.

REQUESTING THAT MY NAME BE WITHDRAWN AS A COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2499, THE PUERTO RICO DEMOCRACY ACT

HON. JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, I share Thomas Jefferson's belief that majority rule is "the vital principle of republics," therefore I am opposed to passage of H.R. 2499, and respectfully request that my name be withdrawn as a co-sponsor. I was mistaken in co-sponsoring this bill because it is not apparent from the language of the bill that it allows Puerto Rico to decide its future by less than a majority vote. I have also learned that current law enables Puerto Rico to hold an election to determine their future at any time, so this law is redundant—and we already have far too many

redundant unnecessary laws on the books. For these reasons I would ask that my name be withdrawn as a co-sponsor of this bill.

KATHERINE DUNLAP

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Katherine Dunlap, who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Katherine Dunlap is a 12th grader at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Katherine Dunlap is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Katherine Dunlap for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

HONORING BRIAN K. BETTS

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 3, 2010

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of Brian K. Betts. A resident of Silver Spring, Maryland, Mr. Betts served his community as a teacher and principal in the Montgomery County and District of Columbia public school systems. Tragically, on April 15, 2010, Mr. Betts lost his life in an act of senseless violence.

Mr. Betts was born in Manassas, Virginia to Delbert and Doris Betts. He attended public schools there and graduated from Stonewall Jackson High School. He continued his education at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and Hood College, receiving his Bachelor's and Master's degrees, respectively.

From the beginning of his teaching career as a middle school physical education teacher, Mr. Betts aspired to improve the quality of education in our community. With a boundless enthusiasm that motivated his students and gained the admiration of his peers, he made an impact in the lives of everyone who knew him. An unparalleled work ethic and passion for helping children succeed enabled Mr. Betts to quickly be recognized for his extraordinary talents and dedication. He was recognized early in his career for his outstanding leadership at Neelsville Middle School, located in

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